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	First Named Inventor	Forster, Mark A.
	Art Unit	3677
	Examiner Name	Brittain, James R.
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re the Application of  
MARK FORSTER  
For: CANOPY RELEASE BUCKLE WITH  
DUAL ACTION RELEASE LEVER  
Serial No. 10/784,096  
Filed: 02/23/04

) Office of Petitions  
) Senior Attorney: PAUL SHANOSKI  
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) June 30, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f)**

The following is provided in response to the Decision On Petition mailed June 16, 2006. A Patent Cooperation Treaty Request was filed on February 22, 2005 claiming priority for US Patent Application No. 10/784,096. A renewed petition, a copy of the Petition for Revival of US Patent Application No. 10/784,096 mailed on November 7, 2005, and the Decision On Petition mailed June 16, 2006 are attached hereto.

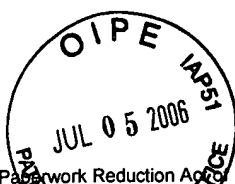
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RENEWED PETITION

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF A FOREIGN  
OR INTERNATIONAL FILING (37 CFR 1.137(f))**

Docket Number (Optional)

134/116

First named inventor: Mark Forster

Application No.: 10/784,096

Art Unit: Office of Petitions

Filed: 2/23/2004

Examiner: Paul Shanowski

Title: CANOPY RELEASE BUCKLE WITH DUAL ACTION RELEASE LEVER

Attention: Office of Petitions

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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.137(f), APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

1. Petition fee

☐ Small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity – fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Notice of Foreign or International Filing (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c))

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application, an application was filed in another country, or under a multinational international treaty (e.g., filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty), that requires publication of applications eighteen months after the filing. The filing date of the subsequently filed foreign or international application is February 22, 2005.

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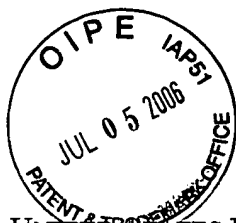
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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
Mark Forster et al. :  
Application No. 10/784,096 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: February 23, 2004 : UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f)  
Attorney Docket No. 134/116 :  
Title: CANOPY RELEASE BUCKLE :  
WITH DUAL ACTION RELEASE LEVER :

This is a decision on the petition filed on November 9, 2005, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f), to revive the above-identified application.

The Office regrets the period of delay in issuing this decision.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) Notification of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty that requires 18 month publication<sup>1</sup>;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m), and;
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the notice from the date that the notice was due under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) until the date the notice was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

<sup>1</sup> See PTO/SB/36 and paragraph on PTO/SB/64a for further information. Both may be downloaded at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/index.html>.

Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, the proper statement of unintentional delay, and has concurrently filed a rescission of the previously made nonpublication request. As such, the second and third requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f) have been met.

Regarding the first requirement, Petitioner has failed to provide notification of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty that requires 18 month publication. It is not clear on what date the application was filed in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty.

Accordingly, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f) must be **DISMISSED**.

Any response must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The submission should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f)."

The renewed petition should indicate in a prominent manner that the attorney handling this matter is Paul Shanowski, and may be submitted by mail<sup>2</sup>, hand-delivery<sup>3</sup>, or facsimile<sup>4</sup>.

Petitioner is reminded that if an applicant makes a nonpublication request and then rescinds the nonpublication request before or on the date a counterpart application is filed in an eighteen-month publication country, the application will be treated as if the nonpublication request were never made, and any petition fee would be refunded.



**Paul Shanowski**  
**Senior Attorney**  
**Office of Petitions**  
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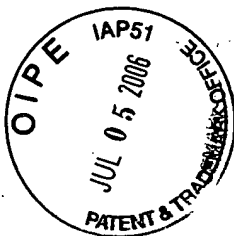
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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)  
134/116

First named inventor: Forster, Mark A.

Application No.: 10/784,096

Art Unit: 3677

Filed: 2/23/2004

Examiner: James R. Brittain

Title: CANOPY RELEASE BUCKLE WITH DUAL ACTION RELEASE LEVER

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

☒ Small entity - fee \$ 750.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Recission of Non-Publication Request (identify type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
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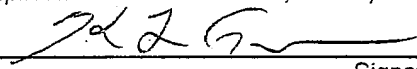
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	Filing Date		2/23/2004
	First Named Inventor		Mark A. Forster
	Title	CANOPY RELEASE BUCKLE WITH DUAL ACTION RELEASE LEVER	
	Atty Docket Number		134/116
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A request that the above-identified application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (nonpublication request) was included with the above-identified application on filing pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). I hereby rescind the previous nonpublication request.

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